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Campbell Blasts City of Houston for Subpoenaing Pastors' Sermons

AUSTIN-- State Senator Donna Campbell issued a statement blasting the City of Houston for subpoening sermons, speeches, and church communications from Texas pastors that mention homosexuality, gender-identity, and other cultural issues.

"Freedom of speech and freedom of religion are at the very core of who we are as Americans and Texans. I am appalled that the City of Houston would insert themselves into the role of Government Censor regarding pastors' sermons and try to intimidate Texans of faith for expressing their moral and religious beliefs. This is the kind of behavior one expects from Communist China, not from the largest city in Texas. Through their actions, the City of Houston has proven that so-called equal rights ordinances are not about protecting rights, but actually violate the most basic principles of free speech guaranteed under the Constitution."

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Senator Donna Campbell is a practicing emergency room physician representing Senate District 25, which includes all or parts of Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Hays, Kendall, and Travis Counties.